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Draft report

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Chapter ___
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-first session at United Nations Headquarters from 26 February to 9 March 2007. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the Commission, Carmen María Gallardo (El Salvador), who also made a statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 26 February 2007, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund addressed the Commission.

4. The Commission viewed a video message from the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

5. At the 5th meeting, on 28 February, statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

6. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, as well as by a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Forum.

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B. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of 45 States members of the Commission. Observers of other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

8. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve for a term of office of two years. The following officers elected at the fiftieth session continued to serve during the fifty-first session:

Chairperson:
Carmen María Gallardo (El Salvador)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Adekunbi Abibat Sonaike (Nigeria)
Thomas Woodroffe (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur:
Dicky Komar (Indonesia)

9. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February, the Commission elected Balázs Csuday (Hungary) as Vice-Chairperson to complete the term of office left vacant by the resignation of Szilvia Szabo (Hungary).

D. Agenda and organization of work

10. At its 1st meeting, on 26 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2007/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
      (i) The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child;
      (ii) Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions on the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality;

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-first session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

11. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Jennifer Feller (Mexico)

Jiakun Guo (China)

Janne Jokinen (Finland)

Patricia Chanda Chisanga Kondlo (Zambia)

Ivana Kozar (Croatia)

12. The working group held ___ meetings.